

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 9 and 15 were amended to clarify that the forward voltage is measured and that the forward current is determined from the forward voltage measurement. Such a feature is not found in the cited reference.

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining claims in the application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such claims.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at wmunck@munckbutrus.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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